

resident of Blackfoot, I'd like to share with you what makes it an all-American town.

Nestled in the Snake River Plain, Blackfoot, Idaho in Bingham County produces more potatoes than any other place in the world. The "famous" Idaho potatoes that the world enjoys come from Blackfoot and the numerous potato fields that surround it. In fact, Blackfoot offers "free taters for out of staters" at its Idaho Potato Expo Museum. It's made Blackfoot the Potato Capitol of the World by producing more than 200 million pounds of potatoes every year.

While Blackfoot is celebrating 100 years of incorporation, its history expands to the early 1800s. The first reference to Blackfoot is found in the 1818 journals of the Hudson Bay Company. In 1860, Grove City, where Blackfoot now sits, was settled to accommodate freight wagons bound for mines in central Idaho. Like many western settlements, the establishment of the Utah and Northern Railroad opened expansion and immigration. Then in 1878, the train arrived in Blackfoot on Christmas Day.

Using the Snake River to irrigate the fertile lava soil, pioneers and settlers found Blackfoot to be a prosperous agriculture community. Blackfoot became the county seat for Bingham County and at one time held the largest population in the state with 13,575 people. In 1901, Blackfoot was incorporated and now celebrates its centennial.

As many of you know, when I'm not serving in Congress, I go home to Blackfoot. I grew up there, graduated from Blackfoot High School and chose to return after completing dental school. I started my political career in Blackfoot, serving on the city council for four years.

My wife, Kathy, and I have witnessed the kind heart and gentle spirit of many who live there. It's truly a place where everyone knows your name. I salute this community that has given me so much over the years. While it may be the potatoe capitol of the world, it's a place I prefer to call home. Congratulations to Blackfoot on 100 years of excellence.

HONORING MR. GEORGE ALVIN TERRY OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George Alvin Terry of Nashville, Tennessee, on the occasion of his 75th birthday, December 19, 2001. A native Tennessean, Terry is a graduate of Columbia Military Academy and the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Terry has been a courageous leader in Tennessee for many years, as both a public servant and a community leader. A military veteran, he served as Second Lt. in the United States Army from 1945–1946.

With several years of public service, he was a member of the State House of Representatives from 1957–1959 during the 80th General Assembly. Additionally, he served in the State

Senate during the 82nd, 83rd, and 84th sessions from 1961–1967. A portion of this service occurred during my father, Governor Frank G. Clement's, tenure as governor of Tennessee.

In 1972, Governor Winfield Dunn appointed Mr. Terry Director of State and Federal Surplus Property for the Department of General Services of Tennessee. His career includes services as senior Vice President on the bank board of directors at Oneida First Trust and Savings Bank, as well as, holding the position of Chairman of the Board at First Southern Savings and Loan.

A deeply committed family man, he is married to Sarah Ellen Winn, and the father of four daughters with six grandchildren and three step grandchildren. Because of his deep love of genealogy and history, he authored the book, *The Terrys of Scott County*, chronicling the history of his family.

Civic and community work has always been an integral part of Terry's life with involvement on various boards promoting important issues such as children, education, agriculture, and historic preservation. For instance, he served as President of the Oneida Kiwanis Club and on both the Karns and Mid-South Youth Camp Boards.

Further, he has enjoyed membership in the American Legion, the Tennessee Automotive Association, the National Committee for the Support of the Public Schools, and the National Committee for the support of Future Farmers. He has also participated in the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the United States Civil Defense Council, and the Scott County Historical Society.

Mr. Terry is dearly loved and respected by his peers, serving as a deacon and then elder in the Oneida Church of Christ, and later as an elder in the Madison Church of Christ. Today, he is a member of the Goodlettsville Church of Christ and a member of the Goodpasture Christian School Booster Club.

An ardent University of Tennessee (UT) fan, George Alvin Terry is to be honored and commended for outstanding service and contributions to Tennessee in a spirit of excellence and strong moral character. Today we recognize his life and legacy as he celebrates a landmark birthday.

TRIBUTE TO SHEPHERDSTOWN ELEMENTARY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Shepherdstown Elementary in recognition of their achievement as an "exemplary" school.

Shepherdstown Elementary has been selected as one of the top 50 schools of West Virginia. "Exemplary" status is based on Stanford Achievement Test results, attendance, drop out rates, and writing exam scores.

I commend the leadership and faculty on their dedication to the children that walk through their doors each day. They have set an incredible example for the other 817

schools in West Virginia. I equally commend the students and parents of Shepherdstown Elementary for their commitment to a quality education and a bright future. Efforts to bring superior education to all of West Virginia and America are among our top priorities. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Shepherdstown Elementary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TAMARA MCFARLAND

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a very special person from Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Tamara McFarland is a local nurse who has taken on a quest to bring joy and happiness this holiday season to several local nursing homes. Her efforts have brought much credit to herself and the community of Glenwood Springs, and it is my pleasure today to recognize her contributions.

Tamara began her charitable crusade last year with a simple gift to a friend. Since then her efforts have risen from one to 140 gifts for the residents of two local nursing homes. The homes include Glen Valley Care Center of Glenwood Springs and Heritage Park Center of Carbondale. Tamara has made these contributions possible by soliciting local merchants and citizens throughout the year to donate products and money to her fund. Thanks to their generosity, the "Roaring Fork Holiday Cheer" headed by Tamara, has been able to provide presents to the senior citizens of the area. The presents are simple gifts such as hair products, clothing and trinkets, but the joy they provide is priceless.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be able to commend Tamara and thank her for her efforts to bring happiness this time of year. Her dedication and commitment to the elderly community as a nurse and gift provider has brought joy into the lives of many. Thanks for all your hard work and cheer this Christmas season. Good luck in your future endeavors and in the New Year.

CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the cowardly and barbaric terrorist attack on the Indian Parliament building that took place in New Delhi earlier this morning.

First I want to express by deepest condolences to Prime Minister Vajpayee, the families of victims and to the people of India.

This latest attack, which comes two months after the October suicide bombing on the parliament building in Kashmir, strikes at the heart of India, the symbol of its democracy.

Six heavily armed terrorists, dressed in Indian military commando fatigues charged into the Parliament complex and set off a fierce gun battle in which six policemen and a Parliament staffer were killed as well as all six of the terrorists. From the amount of explosives found on the attackers, Indian authorities believe the terrorists were on a suicide mission. The attack took place minutes after both Houses of Parliament had adjourned for the day and could easily have taken the lives of numerous Members of Parliament, staff and visitors.

Three months and two days ago, terrorists used box cutters, knives and fuel-laden passenger jets to launch suicide missions against the United States. One of those airplanes, we later learned, may have been intended to hit this very Capitol building—the symbol of our democracy.

The attack against India, as with the attacks against the United States, were not aimed at bringing down buildings. They were cowardly attempts by criminal terrorist organizations to attack free and democratic societies, to intimidate their people and their government.

India has waged a long and often-lonely battle against terrorism. Today, I want to assure the people and government of India that you are not alone.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that the international community made clear that terrorism and violence as a means of political expression will not be tolerated and will not be allowed to continue. We must act together in rooting out the terrorist networks wherever they exist.

HONORING THE DEARBORN/DEARBORN HEIGHTS CHAPTER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to pay tribute to the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Chapter of the League of Women Voters on their 50th Anniversary.

Recognized by the National League of Women Voters on December 19th, 1951, the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Chapter has fulfilled and continues to fulfill its primary goal of encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government, working to increase understanding of major public issues and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

The Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Chapter has provided numerous services to the community since their inception in 1951. In 1952, they provided election-day childcare in 63 precincts, allowing parents to vote. They helped establish the Northwestern Child Guidance Clinic in 1963. Throughout the years, they have worked with ABC News on election-day exit polling. These fine women have helped pass library proposals and establish a diversity committee which works to engage local students in community discussions. Mr. Speaker, these women have served their community well.

Though they are a non-partisan group, the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Chapter of the League of Women's Voters is extremely political, focusing their efforts on child health and welfare, juvenile justice, and campaign finance reform. A League representative sits on the Rouge River Advisory Council, as well as the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Educational Advisory Council. As spelled out in their original charter, the League's actions are always a reflection their member's priorities.

I would like to recognize the current officers of the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Chapter of the League of Women Voters: Elizabeth Linick, Janice Berry, Mary Jo Durivage, Jeni Dunn and Mary Bugeia. I thank all the fine members of this Chapter of the League for all their hard work over the past 50 years, and would ask that they keep it up. On the occasion of their 50th anniversary, I would ask all my colleagues to salute the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Chapter of the League of Women Voters.

21ST CENTURY MONTGOMERY GI BILL ENHANCEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1291, the 21st Century Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act.

The bill includes numerous provisions to help veterans. It broadens the categories of illnesses connected to Agent Orange and the Gulf War Sickness, and it increases educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for full-time students from \$650 per month to \$800 starting on January 1, 2002, to \$900 in FY03, and to \$985 in FY03.

Section 302 extends the Native American Veterans Housing Loan Program until 2006. The program was scheduled to expire in 2002.

Tribal lands are generally held in trust. Lands held in trust cannot be encumbered by those who use it. As a result, native people have historically had limited access to mortgages to build and repair houses.

The Native American Veterans Housing Loan Pilot Program was created by legislation authored by Senator DANIEL AKAKA in 1992. It provides direct housing loans to Native American veterans to purchase, construct, or improve dwellings on trust lands. The program helps Native American, Native Hawaiians, and Native Alaskans who were honorably released from active duty service since World War II.

I urge my colleagues to vote for H.R. 1291 to recognize and compensate the service that native people have made to defend our country.

HONORING DR. ROBERT CARVER BONE OF LEBANON, TN, AS AN OUTSTANDING TENNESSEAN

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert Carver Bone of Lebanon, TN, as an outstanding Tennessean, who has made numerous contributions to medicine, education, and the community-at-large. I consider Dr. Bone a dear friend and confidante of many years.

Dr. Bone will be honored by Cumberland University during the Clement Leadership Reception on December 22 for numerous accomplishments—including his leadership as Chairman of the Board of Trust from 1982 through May 2001. As president of Cumberland University from 1983 through 1987 and a current member of the Board of Trust, I have personally worked closely with Dr. Bone for a significant period of time and I have seen the devotion, care, and attention, that he has lavished upon that hallowed institution.

A native of Lebanon, TN, and an early achiever, Dr. Bone graduated as valedictorian of Lebanon High School in 1954, and earned a Bachelor of Arts from Vanderbilt University in 1958, where he graduated magna cum laude. Meanwhile, he completed the mathematics program at Cumberland in 1957 and the genetics program at Harvard in 1961. He received his Doctor of Medicine from Vanderbilt in 1962, while completing internships with Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto, California, and Presbyterian Hospital in San Francisco. His residencies in pediatrics and surgery were completed in 1967 through 1969 at Vanderbilt, and 1971 through 1975, respectively. Later, in 1985, he earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Vanderbilt's Owen School of Business Management and then received a Doctor of Letters from Cumberland in 1994.

His military experience includes service as a flight surgeon and commander of the USAF, 1974–1980; commander of the 118th Tactical Hospital, USAF, 1974–1980; and U.S. Army flight surgeon in 1997.

He has participated in numerous furthering education programs such as study overseas in 1959 with the Wellcome Library of Historic Medicine in London, the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, and a preceptorship with Dr. G.A. Grant Peterkin in Leyden, Montpelier, Uppsala.

Dr. Bone has also completed a number of assistantships and fellowships including work as a research assistant on nuclear medicine at Vanderbilt in 1961; a World Study Tour with the Institutes of Nutrition in 65 countries from 1962–1963; mission hospital visits in Kenya, Tanzania in 1986; and a surgical oncology fellowship in 1987 at Vanderbilt. Further, he carries certifications from the American Board of Pediatrics, the American Board of Surgery, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Advanced Trauma Life Support.

He is beloved throughout Middle Tennessee, having practiced medicine in the community of Lebanon for nearly 40 years, and